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*Report of the Indian Finance Commission.*

* 262 Q.—SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to place on the table of the House a copy of the report by the Indian Finance Commission headed by Sri Neogi and also a copy of the memorandum of the Madras Government to it, and if not, the reasons for the same?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Report of the Finance Commission has been published by the Government of India and copies may be available with the Manager, Government of India Press, New Delhi. A copy is available for reference in the Legislature Library.

Copies of the Memoranda submitted by the Madras Government to the Finance Commission are also placed in the Legislature Library for reference by the hon. Members."

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" In view of the fact that the excise contribution is curtailed on the basis of the recommendations of the Finance Commission, do the Government propose to request the Government of India to increase the contribution? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The main question is about placing a copy of the Report of the Finance Commission on the table of the House. The hon. Member wants to go into the details of the Report. He may give notice of a separate question."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Assuming that the Hon. the Finance Minister is hinting that we should purchase the copies ourselves, may I know what the price of a copy is? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I will have to find out and tell the hon. Member." (Laughter.)

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Sir, we are told that the Government have placed one copy of the Report in the Legislature Library. Naturally, one copy is not enough for 375 hon. Members. Will the Government take into consideration the necessity of supplying copies to all and making arrangements for that? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" As soon as copies are available, they will be supplied to the hon. Members. We got only a very few copies from the Government of India and, therefore, a copy has been placed in the Legislature Library."

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" No copy has been placed in the Legislature Library up to this minute, Sir." (Laughter.)